

REMARKS

Applicants by way of this amendment hereby confirm election of claims 1-6 and 14-17 as noted in the outstanding Office Action, it being recognized that Applicants remain the right to pursue the subject matter of the canceled claims in a separate Divisional application. Applicants note further that contrary to the Examiner's statements, there were 18 claims on file and not 19. Consequently, Applicants have canceled claims 7-13 and 18.

Support for the amendment to the specification is provided at page 35 lines 22-33 and page 36, lines 1-2 together with Figure 7 as filed. No new matter is added

Claim Objections: The above requested amendment to the claim is sufficient to render moot the outstanding objection to the claims.

Rejections under 35 USC §112, first and second paragraphs: Claims 4 has been canceled and claims 14-16 amended. Applicants respectfully submit that the above requested amendment to the above claims is sufficient to overcome the grounds for the outstanding rejections, Consequently, Applicants respectful request that the rejections be withdrawn and notice to that effect issue.

Rejections under 35 USC §102 : Claims 4 and 17 have been canceled. Consequently, the above requested amendments to the claims is sufficient to overcome the grounds of the above rejection.

Applicants have noted the Objection to Drawings and understand that correction is required. Applicants choose to defer correction until allowable subject matter has been added. Applicants have carefully reviewed the objected to Figure, e.g., Figure 7 and have amended the specification to further clarify the information detailed in Figure 7. A new sequence listing replacing old sequences corresponding to SEQ ID NOS: 2, and 28-43 (see Figure 7) with new Sequence identifiers, e.g., SEQ ID NOS: 32-48 will be forthcoming as will a new drawing attesting to said changes. Any inconvenience is regretted

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is believed that the grounds of rejections have been overcome and that the claims are in proper condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that all of the rejections be withdrawn and a Notice of Allowance be forwarded to the Applicants.

The Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' Attorney at the telephone number given below, if such would expedite the allowance of this application.

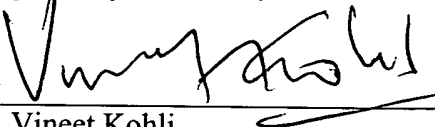
Favorable action is earnestly solicited.

CONDITIONAL PETITION

Applicant hereby makes a Conditional Petition for any relief available to correct any defect in connection with this filing, or any defect remaining in this application after this filing. The Commissioner is authorized to charge deposit account 13-2755 for the petition fee and any other fee(s) required to affect this Conditional Petition.

Respectfully submitted,

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